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A study conducted by the American Cancer Society states that overweight and obesity accounts for 20 percent of cancer in women and 14 percent in men. In 2002, approximately 65 percent of American adults were overweight or obese, and 31 percent were above obese according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Obesity and inactivity often contribute to diabetes. UCLA Center for Health Policy's recent survey reported that one in 16 California adults – 1.4 million people have diabetes. An estimated 90,000 Americans die each year of cancer caused primarily by obesity and excess weight.

To address this problem in Los Angeles County, the Public Health Commission recommends the appointment of a task force to address the issue of overweight and obesity.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of Health Services, Director of Public Health, in close consultation with the Public Health Commission and Nutrition Task Force:

1. Convene and participate in an Overweight and Obesity Task Force to address the issue of overweight and obesity, including representatives from community-based organizations, school nurses, and nutritionist.
2. Guide and assist the Task force to develop a broad-based effort to accurately inform people about overweight and obesity causing cancer and other acute care illnesses, including nutrition information.
3. Report back to the Board in 30 days, as a set Board Agenda item, on the progress of the task force.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Auditor-Controller's upon consultation from the task force to insert a notice in employee paychecks for three months about statistics or information regarding overweight and obesity causing cancer and other acute care illnesses.

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